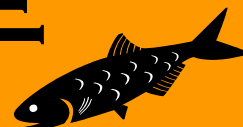




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THE OUTDOOR GUIDE TO FORT DRUM

SPRING 2006 EDITION



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Fort Drum is an active military installation. Recreational use is secondary to the military mission.

All recreationists are responsible for knowing the laws, regulations and procedures for recreational activities on Fort Drum.

FREE FISHING ON FORT DRUM FOR EVERYONE ON MAY 20 & JUNE 24-25

Never fished before but think you'd like to give it a try? Are you an expert angler, but not sure of the opportunities on Fort Drum? Looking for something to do with the kids?

If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions, Saturday, May 20 is the day for you! On this day, anglers are invited to fish in all open recreational areas on Fort Drum free-of-charge!

Also, a free fishing weekend will take place June 24-25 throughout all of New York.

A New York State fishing license will NOT be required to fish on Fort Drum May 20, or anywhere in New York on June 24-25.

A Fort Drum Recreation Permit & Access Pass is required, but it can be obtained for free at the Natural Resources Permit Office (S-2509) for use on any of these free fishing days. A free fishing permit will be available anytime after May 1.

Those with current Fort Drum permits for other recreational activities (i.e., Hunting, Trapping, and Other) do not need a separate Recreation Permit and Access Pass to fish on these free fishing days.

For those who need equipment and can access Fort Drum, fishing gear is available for rent at Parks & Recreation, Bldg. P-11115, North Memorial Drive (772-5169).

FISH STOCKING ON FORT DRUM

Each year, the NYSDEC stocks Fort Drum waters to increase recreational fishing opportunities.

In late April—early May, Black Creek will be stocked with approximately 2400 brown trout; the West Branch of the Black Creek will be stocked with 500 brook trout, and Remington Pond will be stocked with 1000 brook trout. In June, Quarry Pond will be stocked with an estimated 200 rainbow trout.

Maps designating stocking locations will be available at the Natural Resources Permit Office (S-2509) and on the Fish & Wildlife Management Program website.



One of 500 rainbow trout stocked in Quarry Pond (Training Area 14B) in June 2005.

SPRING YOUTH TURKEY HUNT SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 22-23

On April 22-23, youth throughout New York State will have the opportunity to bag a turkey before the regular spring turkey season. This is the third year for this NYSDEC program.

Eligible hunters are youths 12-15 years of age holding a junior hunting license and a turkey permit. All youth hunters must be accompanied by an adult, as required by law for a junior hunting license. Youths 12 or 13 years old must be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or relative more than 21 years old, with written permission from their parent or legal guardian; youths 14 or 15 years old must be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or an adult more than 18 years old with written permission from their parent or legal guardian.

The bag limit for the youth hunt is one bearded bird. This bird becomes part of the youth's regular spring season bag limit of two bearded birds. A second bird may be taken during the regular season beginning May 1, 2006.



The accompanying adult must have a current hunting license and turkey permit. The adult may assist the youth hunter (including calling), but may not carry a firearm or longbow, or kill or attempt to kill a wild turkey during the youth hunt. Everyone hunting on Fort Drum must possess a valid Fort Drum Recreation Permit and Access Pass and normal check-in procedures apply. Fort Drum Recreation Permits are free to youth 15 years of age or younger. Check Fort Drum Regulation 420-3 for blaze orange requirements and other regulations on Fort Drum.

QUESTIONS? CALL THE FISH & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AT 772-9636 OR 772-4999.

2005-2006 RECREATION PERMIT & ACCESS PASS INFORMATION

Fort Drum is open to everyone for hunting, fishing, trapping, and other recreational opportunities (see below).

Fort Drum Recreation Permits and Access Passes, as well as, copies of the *Fort Drum Regulation 420-3 Hunting, Fishing, Trapping and Camping* and Recreational Use Maps for the 2005-2006 season, are available in the Natural Resources Permit Office, Bldg. S-2509 on Route 26 between Great Bend and the Wheeler-Sack Army Airfield. A map of the permit office and operating hours are listed on page 8.

To obtain a Fort Drum Recreation Permit, applicants must appear in person and present a photo ID and current New York State hunting, fishing or trapping license. Transactions are cash only. **Please note: New York State hunting, fishing and trapping licenses must be purchased off post at local NYS Licensing Issue Agents.**

Before entering the training areas, all recreationists must first check in daily with Range Division by calling the Sportsman's Hotline at (315) 772-7153. The Sportsman's Hotline is updated at approximately 6:00 p.m., listing training areas that are open the following day. Upon leaving their permit number, recreationists may access any training area that is open for recreation that day.

Current Recreation Permits and Access Passes will expire on September 30, 2006.

ACTIVITIES ALLOWED WITH A FORT DRUM RECREATIONAL PERMIT:

- Fishing
- Hunting & Scouting
- Trapping
- Camping
- Wildlife Viewing
- Berry/Mushroom Picking
- Picnicking
- Hiking
- Cross-Country Skiing
- Snowshoeing
- Photography
- Biking
- Horseback Riding
- Target shooting [see 4(a) in Regulation 420-3]
- Snowmobiling (only in Training Areas 7E, 7F, 7G)
- Boating (including kayaking and canoeing)



**HAVE YOU VISITED FORT DRUM'S
FISH & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT
PROGRAM WEBSITE?**

Find the most up-to-date fishing and hunting information, permit information, important dates, brochures to download, and answers to your most frequently asked questions.

www.drum.army.mil/garrison/pw/FishAndWild.html

FEE CHANGES ON FORT DRUM

Since September 2005, a new fee structure has been in place on Fort Drum. The fee changes split recreationists based on age: youth 15 years and less and adults 70 years and older continue to receive a free permit for all activities; youth ages 16 and 17 pay a reduced fee for all activities; persons 18 – 69 years of age pay full price.

All persons seeking permits for "other recreational activities" (i.e., not hunting, fishing, or trapping) are charged a fee for the first time. Anyone purchasing a hunting, fishing or trapping permit is automatically endorsed to pursue "other activities" such as camping, birdwatching and hiking. Persons replacing lost permits are also assessed a fee.

The daily pass structure has been simplified to a single 3-day pass replacing the 1-day, 3-day, and 5-day passes.

Permit fees had remained unchanged since 1996-1997. Permit fees are used exclusively by Fort Drum's Fish & Wildlife Management Program for such things as: purchasing equipment and supplies used by the program; offsetting expenses for the management of resources; educational and outreach materials and displays; printing of brochures, newsletters, regulations, and recreational maps; administration of permits and access passes; and professional development and training of Fort Drum Fish & Wildlife Management staff.

Adult Big Game Hunting:	\$10.00 (No change)
Adult Small Game Hunting	\$10.00 (\$2 increase)
Adult Fishing	\$10.00 (\$2 increase)
Adult Trapping	\$10.00 (No change)
Adult Combined Permit I (Hunting & Fishing)	\$25.00 (\$3 increase)
Adult Combined Permit II (Hunting, Fishing & Trapping)	\$35.00 (\$5 increase)
Adult Other Recreational Activities	\$5.00 (\$5 increase)
3-Day Pass for BG Hunting, SG Hunting or Fishing	\$5.00 (\$1 increase)
Youth Hunting, Fishing, or Trapping	\$6.00 (\$2-4 decrease)
Youth Combined Permit I (Hunting & Fishing)	\$15.00 (\$7 decrease)
Youth Combined Permit II (Hunting, Fishing & Trapping)	\$20.00 (\$10 decrease)
Youth Other Recreational Activities	\$3.00 (\$3 increase)
Recreational Permit replacement fee	\$2.00 (\$2 increase)

10TH ANNUAL FISHING DERBY FOR KIDS TO BE HELD ON MAY 20 AT REMINGTON PARK



In 2005, Devin Grinnell, age 3, received his first place award for catching the most fish overall from Maj. Gen. Austin.

The fishing derby is open to children 18 years of age and younger; registration begins at 11:45 am. The derby will begin at 12:00 pm and conclude at 3:45 pm, followed by an awards presentation at 4:00 pm.

The Fishing Derby is sponsored annually by the Environmental Division (Directorate of Public Works) and Parks & Recreation (Directorate of MWR).

Neither a New York State fishing license nor a Fort Drum Recreation Permit & Access Pass is required to participate in the fishing derby. However, access to Remington Pond and the cantonment area is restricted to those who possess, or are sponsored by those who possess, Department of Defense identification.

Fort Drum Parks & Recreation will have bait available for purchase at Remington Park. For those who need equipment, fishing gear is always available for rent at Parks & Recreation, Bldg. P-11115, North Memorial Drive.

In 2005, a total of 582 fish were caught in less than 4 hours by 122 participants. These numbers were down only slightly from 2004 when 130 children caught 621 fish.

Participants are reminded the fishing derby will be 'catch and release' again this year. Complimentary brochures, information and activity books are available at the event. Prizes for the derby are generously provided by AAFES.

Derby Contests

Largest Fish

Largest Fish Overall
Ages 6 and under
Ages 7 to 11
Ages 12–18

Most Fish Caught

Most Fish Overall
Ages 6 and under
Ages 7 to 11
Ages 12–18

Longest Cast

Ages 6 and under
Ages 7 to 10
Ages 11–14
Ages 15-18

ANGLING SITES ON FORT DRUM

The brochure *Angling on Fort Drum* provides directions to 25 angling sites on 12 different bodies of water on Fort Drum. Descriptions of the various fish communities are included along with information on the use of canoes and boats.

The angling brochure is available at the Natural Resources Permit Office (Bldg. S-2509), Parks & Recreation (Bldg. P-11115) and the Fish & Wildlife Management Program Office (Bldg. T-4848), or can be downloaded from the Fish & Wildlife Management Program website.

ACCESS TO FUSA BLVD.

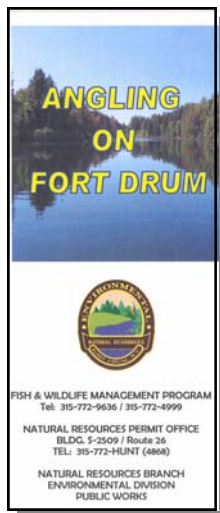
FUSA Blvd., which has been under construction the past two years, is now open. Access to Indian and Narrow Lakes, Indian Pond, Quarry Pond, and Mud Lake is possible when convoy exercises are not occurring.

Due to construction on FUSA Blvd., some of the directions in the *Angling on Fort Drum* brochure have changed:

- A new boat ramp on the north end of Indian Lake (Angling Site #26) has been constructed off of FUSA Blvd. However, boaters should be aware that this is a carry-in boat launch for canoes or small boats and backing a trailer down to the water should NOT be attempted.
- Angling Site #24 in the brochure no longer exists.
- Access to the Indian River from the causeway and the area of the new bridge (Angling Site #20) has been enhanced.
- There is also no longer an alternative trail (an old logging road/trail) beyond the beaver pond adjacent to FUSA Blvd. and Indian Pond (Angling Site #21).

Check the Angling Brochure on the Fish & Wildlife Management Program web site for corrections.

Angling Tip: Lead sinkers and jigs inadvertently lost by anglers are harmful and potentially fatal to loons, swans and other waterbirds when ingested. Waterbirds may eat fish that still have a hook and sinker attached or mistake fishing weights for stones and grit that normally help a bird digest food. **Be considerate to the environment and use non-lead sinkers and jigs.**



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When you leave a body of water:

- Remove any visible mud, plants, fish or animals before transporting equipment.
- Eliminate water from equipment before transporting.
- Clean and dry anything that comes into contact with water (boats, trailers, equipment, clothing, dogs, etc.).
- Never release plants, fish or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water.

Education Classes Are Mandatory For First-Time Hunters and Trappers

All first-time hunters and trappers must pass a safety and education course before they can get a license in New York State. Courses are free-of-charge and are administered by the NYSDEC. For course descriptions, visit the NYSDEC website: <http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dfwmr/sportsed/index.html>

To find a course in your county, call the regional Sportsman Education office at (315) 785-2544.



SMALL GAME HUNTING BROCHURE AVAILABLE

Small game hunting is one of the most popular outdoor activities on Fort Drum, and in response, Fort Drum's Fish & Wildlife Management Program created a new brochure in 2005.

The brochure highlights the popular small game species, including wild turkey, provides sexing and aging hints, and discusses what habitats these animals are likely to be found in. There is also a map that identifies some of the more dominant stands of preferred habitat for many of the small game species. However, hunters are likely to find wide distributions of animals throughout the installation. A larger map is available to view at the Natural Resources Permit Office (S-2509).

RECREATIONAL USE SURVEY RESULTS

Prior to obtaining a Fort Drum Recreation Permit, recreationists 18 years of age or older have been required to complete a recreational use survey if they had a Recreation Permit the previous year.

The valuable information obtained through these efforts will assist Fort Drum's Fish & Wildlife Management Program to make informed management and recreation decisions.

Below is an example of preliminary results from respondents who hunted on Fort Drum during the 2004-2005 season based on an overall response rate of 93%. To see the final results for the 2003-2004 season, go to the Fish & Wildlife Mgmt. Program web site.

Preliminary 2004-2005 Hunting Season Results (904 Respondents)

Species	# of Hunters	# Days Checked-in	Hunting Days/Person	# Harvested
Whitetail Deer	785	14498	18	279
Black Bear	167	2639	16	15
Wild Turkey	156	1269	8	45
Ruffed Grouse	117	1199	10	288
Woodcock	48	310	6	206
Waterfowl	31	195	6	142
Rabbit/Hare	93	1003	11	352
Squirrel	18	136	8	9
Pheasant	71	440	6	130
Coyote	6	48	8	3

WANTED: TRAPPERS

Fort Drum continues to accept applications for volunteer nuisance trappers for 2006. Candidates must have a valid NYS trapping license and supply their own trapping equipment, including a vehicle. Due to post security, only current DoD-ID cardholders may apply. For more information, call Fort Drum's Fish & Wildlife Mgmt. Program at 772-4999.



FORT DRUM HARVEST INFORMATION

NUMBERS BASED ON INFORMATION FROM
THE NYSDEC

2005 DEER HARVEST

Regular	149
Archery	25
Muzzleloader	36
Deer Management Permit (DMP)	87
Deer Management Assistant Program (DMAP) Permit	42

	Adult	Fawn	Total
Male	173	27	200
Female	114	25	139
TOTAL	287	52	339

2005 BEAR HARVEST

Bear	13*
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* Including a 160 pound female in the Cantonment Area

2004-2005 FURBEARER HARVEST

Beaver	290
Bobcat	0
Coyote	7
Fisher	12
Otter	31



**STOP IN AND
TAKE A LOOK!**



There are new fish and wildlife displays at the Natural Resources Permit Office. See mounted animals and learn about some of the wildlife found on Fort Drum.

FORT DRUM EARTH DAY

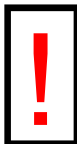
Come to Lloyd's Landing (next to the beach) at Remington Park on Friday, April 21 to celebrate Fort Drum's 5th Annual Earth Day.

Between 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM there will be displays, demonstrations, and tours to learn about fish and wildlife, forests, wetlands, erosion, archaeology, recycling, energy conservation, and pollution prevention.

Fort Drum's Earth Day is sponsored by the Directorate of Public Works-Environmental Division, MWR, Fort Drum Mountain Community Homes, and DPTMS-Range Division.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS



All recreationists are responsible for knowing the laws, regulations and procedures for recreational activities on Fort Drum as set forth in Regulation 420-3 Hunting, Fishing, Trapping and Camping.

ALL RECREATIONISTS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR BLAZE ORANGE DURING ANY HUNTING SEASON

Recreationists must visibly display a minimum of 144 square inches of blaze orange on the front and back of their upper bodies and wear blaze orange headgear. Exceptions are listed in FD Reg 420-3 Paragraph 6(g).

VEHICLE PARKING IN TRAINING AREAS

All vehicles must be parked in such a manner to allow other vehicles safe passage, including not blocking access to other roads or trails not designated as recreational roads. All vehicles must be parked adjacent to training areas open for recreational use on that given day. See FD Reg 420-3 Paragraph 8(c) for more information.

FIREARMS MUST BE CASED WHILE BEING TRANSPORTED

All firearms (except pistols and revolvers) transported in a vehicle must be unloaded and cased, or unloaded and in the closed trunk of a motor vehicle. See FD 420-3 paragraph 9(d) for more information.

SHOTGUN USE IN TRAINING AREAS 4A, 4B, & 4D

Training Areas 4A, 4B, and 4D are open to small game hunting with a shotgun and to trappers using .22 rimfire weapons outside the regular big game season.

NO FIREARMS ARE ALLOWED IN THESE AREAS FOR ANY REASON DURING THE BIG GAME HUNTING SEASON: September 17 – December 11.



One of three cubs born to Bear #036 staying warm under biologist's coat on Feb 24.

FORT DRUM BEAR PROJECT UPDATE

In the fall of 2004, Fort Drum's Fish & Wildlife Management Program began a black bear project in cooperation with Cornell University, the NYSDEC, and Fort Drum's Range Division. The study was initiated in response to complaints of nuisance black bears interfering with military activities at bivouac sites and range facilities.

There are three components to the project. First, bears are captured using culvert traps or foot snares, tranquilized, marked with colored ear streamers and radio collars, and tracked to determine movements and den site use. Second, hair snares (barbed wire surrounding a bait station) are used to collect hair samples from bears; the DNA on the hair follicles will be analyzed to identify individual bears and create a population estimate. Third, taste aversion techniques are being tested to determine possible non-lethal management options for nuisance black bears on Fort Drum. A graduate student from Cornell University is conducting the research and the project will continue through the end of 2006.

To date, a total of 11 bears have been captured, radio-collared, and released unharmed. Unfortunately, some of the bears have ripped their radio collars off, one bear died of unknown causes, and another bear was killed during the hunting season. Three bears are currently being tracked. However, information was gathered on some of the other bears before their collars were lost. Four den sites have been found the past two winters.

The hair snares have worked very well and more than 100 hair samples are currently being analyzed to determine the identity of individual bears to estimate the bear population.

In 2005, there was an abundance of natural foods on Fort Drum and across New York State. Although this was great for wildlife, there were few nuisance complaints making it difficult to test aversive conditioning techniques.

New radio collars and transmitters will be deployed this year when the capture of bears will resume in the spring. Hair sampling and the testing of aversive conditioning will also continue.

In February and March, the den sites of study bears were visited. Two females each had three cubs that appeared to be in good condition. Depending on the weather, bears will be leaving their dens some time in April. Spring is when many bears become a nuisance because they are looking for food to replenish the weight they lost during the winter months.

If you see a study bear, please contact the Fort Drum Fish & Wildlife Management Program at 315-772-9636 or 772-4999.

GUIDE TO BIRDING ON FORT DRUM

Few, if any, places in New York State rival the breeding bird diversity found on Fort Drum. To date, 220 bird species have been recorded on the installation and 146 of the species have been reported nesting. Of particular interest, most of the inland state-listed species (i.e., endangered, threatened, and species of concern) can be found on Fort Drum. This extraordinary breeding diversity can largely be attributed to the relative lack of development, as well as military training and habitat management practices which have created a mosaic of habitat types and slowed natural succession on much of the installation.

WETLANDS & OPEN WATER

Over 15,000 acres of wetlands occur throughout Fort Drum. One of the most productive wetlands for viewing birds is Matoon Creek and marsh in Training Area 17B. Open waters include Indian and Narrow Lakes in Training Area 19D and Mud Lake in Training Area 19C.

Species: Common Loon, Osprey, and Bald Eagle can be seen around Training Area 19 on or around Indian Lake and Mud Lake. No Bald Eagle nest has been found on Fort Drum, but Common Loons and Osprey both nest here.

The following species can be seen in or around Matoon Creek: Pied-billed Grebe, Least Bittern, American Bittern, Sora, and Common Moorhen. Snipe and American Bitterns are often seen throughout the installation in saturated grasslands and wetlands. Snipe are especially common in Training Areas 11, 12, and 13 performing their spring courtship displays.



American Bittern
(Photo USFWS)

FORESTS

Fort Drum has both deciduous and coniferous forests throughout the installation.

Species: Common forest birds include Veery, Red-eyed Vireo, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Pine Warbler, Black-and-White Warbler, American Redstart, Scarlet Tanager, Ovenbird, White-throated Sparrow, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, and Ruffed Grouse.

One of the least common nesting songbirds on Fort Drum is the Cerulean Warbler which has historically been found near the Indian River in Training Area 15.

Several raptors can also be found in Fort Drum forests including the Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Red-shouldered Hawk, Broad-winged Hawk, Barred Owl, and occasionally Northern Goshawk.



Black-throated Blue Warbler
(Photo USFWS)

SHRUBLAND & EARLY SUCCESSIONAL FOREST

Throughout Fort Drum, shrublands and early successional forests are common including along Reedville Rd., U.S. Military Highway, and Pleasant Rd.

Species: Some common species in these areas include: Common Yellowthroat, Song Sparrow, Yellow Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler,

Warbling Vireo, and Eastern Kingbird. Yellow-breasted Chats are only occasionally seen. Fort Drum is at the interface where the Golden-winged Warbler and Blue-winged Warblers meet, and their hybrid, the Brewster's Warbler, can also be found.

American Woodcock are abundant on Fort Drum and can be regularly seen and heard in spring evenings while the males perform their courtship flights.



American Woodcock (Photo USFWS)

GRASSLANDS/OLD HAYFIELDS

Old hayfields on Fort Drum now function as grasslands for many state-listed or uncommon species in the St. Lawrence Valley. These areas are maintained as open areas for military training and are generally found in Training Areas 12 and 13.

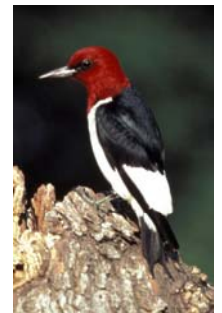
Species: This area supports many species including Bobolink, Eastern Meadowlark, Savannah Sparrow, Henslow's Sparrow, Clay-colored Sparrow, Sedge Wren, Northern Harrier, and occasionally Short-eared Owl. During winter, Rough-legged Hawk, Northern Shrike, and Snowy Owl can be observed.

SANDPLAIN GRASSLANDS & SAVANNAH

The southern portion of Fort Drum (including the Cantonment Area, Wheeler-Sack Army Airfield, and Training Areas 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8) has a fairly extensive sandplain that is very different compared to the rest of the region. This area also includes moderately sized dry savannah oak and open pine-oak forests.

Species: The area has generally sparse ground vegetation and is home to many ground-nesting species such as Common Nighthawk, Vesper Sparrow, Grasshopper Sparrow, Clay-colored Sparrow, Horned Lark, and Upland Sandpiper.

In the forested savannah areas, Red-Headed Woodpeckers can be seen nesting near the airfield. Additional species found in the brushy undergrowth includes Prairie Warbler.



Red-headed Woodpecker
(Photo USFWS)

Celebrate International Migratory Bird Day May 13

Since 1993, the seasonal journeys of migratory birds have been celebrated. The theme for 2006 is "Boreal Forest: Bird Nursery of the Americas." For more information, visit: www.americanbirding.org/ or <http://www.birdday.org/imbd.htm>

"The Birds of Fort Drum" brochure is available at the Natural Resources Permit Office (S-2509), the Fish & Wildlife Mgmt. Program Office (T-4848) or can be downloaded at the website address.



FORT DRUM OUTDOOR CALENDAR

Trout Season	April 1– October 15
Fort Drum Earth Day	April 21
Spring Youth Turkey Hunt	April 22-23
Arbor Day	April 28
Spring Turkey Season	May 1–May 31
Walleye & Pike Season	May 6–March 15, 2007
International Migratory Bird Day	May 13
Free Fishing Day on Fort Drum	May 20
10th Fishing Derby on Fort Drum	May 20
Bass Season	June 17–Nov 30
Free Fishing Weekend in NYS	June 24-25



BAT MANAGEMENT

Each summer, historic LeRay Mansion in Fort Drum's cantonment area becomes home to 600-800 Little Brown and Big Brown Bats, two of the most common species on Fort Drum.

As repair efforts continue to seal gaps and holes in the Mansion which provide access to bats, Fort Drum's Fish & Wildlife Management Program installed a bat house that

will hopefully draw bats away from the Mansion and provide an alternate roost site to help keep bats in the area. Specially designed for use by bats, the house is constructed with six chambers, each with four plywood baffles inserted one-half inch apart, in which the bats cluster during daylight hours. Approximately 4' wide x 3' tall x 2' deep in overall size, the house is capable of housing 800-1000 bats at a time.

In early May 2004, the 300 lb. bat house was installed on the LeRay grounds. A small number of bats were using the house in July 2004, and approximately 200 bats were utilizing the structure in the summer of 2005. As the bats are slowly evicted from the Mansion, more and more should start occupying the house.

Contrary to popular belief, bats are not creatures to be feared, but play an important role in the ecosystem. All bats in New York are insectivores (i.e. insect eaters) who do a fantastic job keeping the mosquito and moth populations in check. Bats can consume 30-50% of their body weight in insects *each night*. This is equivalent to a 150 lb person eating 45-75 pounds of food per day! Bat houses are often installed, not to *alleviate* bat problems, but to *attract* bats for the purpose of reducing mosquito populations.

This effort was done in cooperation with Fort Drum's Cultural Resources Program. If you would like to learn more about bats, please contact Fort Drum's Fish & Wildlife Management Program at 772-4999.

FIREWOOD PROGRAM

The sale of forest products on Fort Drum assist the Forest Management Program to meet various objectives including fuel and hazard reduction, wildlife habitat enhancement, timber stand improvement, and enhancing military training maneuverability.



The selected areas where forest product sales occur are generally accessible from either paved, gravel, or dirt roads, however, the permittee should be aware of accessibility conditions prior to purchasing the permit. Forest products permit sales are designed to meet small volume purchasing needs such as homeowner firewood.

A permit must be purchased at the Natural Resources Permit Office, Bldg. S-2509, prior to the removal of forest products.

The current rate for a full cord of firewood is \$10.00. A full cord is 4' wide by 4' tall by 8' long or two full-sized pickup truck loads (8' bed) or three loads with a short box pickup (6' bed). Transactions are cash only.

The following information is required to purchase a permit: (1) Names of any and all persons engaging in harvesting forest products, as well as those accompanying harvesters; (2) full address and phone number of the permittee; and (3) license plate number, year, make, model and color of the haul vehicle. Only one haul vehicle may be used per permit. Trailers are permitted. The license plate number of the trailer is also required.

The effective date of the permit begins on the day it is issued, and lasts for 7 days. There are no exceptions. If you fail to fill your permit for any reason there will be no refunds.

Trees that are dead and on the ground can be harvested. A map of some designated areas is available at the Permit Office. Forest products are on a 'first come first served' basis. Each permit is good for the one designated subtraining area.

Harvesting forest products is not considered a recreational activity. No person shall possess a firearm, bow or other hunting implement while engaged in harvesting forest products.

Calling the Sportsman's Hotline does not sign you out for access to the training area. You must call or personally check-in and check-out with Range Division daily at (315) 772-7152.

Your forest products permit is your range pass. Your permit must be in plain view on the dashboard of the haul vehicle at all times.

Forest products permits can be issued for the cantonment area to ID holders only. You are still required to check-in and out at Range Control.

If you have questions, contact Fort Drum's Forest Management Program at (315) 772-3170.

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HOURS OF OPERATION**

March 31 – September 16, 2006
Thurs. – Fri. 1–6 pm
Sat. 8 am–2 pm

The Permit Office is closed on all federal holidays.



FISH & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
TEL: 315-772-9636 OR 315-772-4999

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